

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Responsive to the Official Communication of August 15, 2005, Applicants submit the molecule of Figure 1 is a branched polysaccharide, not a nucleotide or protein sequence.

M.P.E.P. 2421.02 states: "The sequence rules embrace all unbranched nucleotide sequences with ten or more bases and all unbranched, non-D amino acid sequences with four or more amino acids, provided that there are at least 4 "specifically defined" amino acids."

Applicants submit that as the branched polysaccharide of Figure 1 is not a nucleotide or amino acid sequence, no sequence listing is required under M.P.E.P. 2421.02, and that the Official Communication of August 15, 2005, was issued in error.

Respectfully submitted,

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